

ROCK SPRINGS

The Hub of Western

WYOMING

Population
9,000



Elevation
6,271



We Present Our City to You

This booklet is published under the auspices of the Rock Springs Lions Club with the co-operation of the local business and professional men.

Its main objective is to present interesting data concerning Rock Springs — an Industrial Center of Western Wyoming and gateway to the southern and scenic entrance to Teton and Yellowstone National Parks.

Rock Springs and How It Got Its Name

The trail of the Pony Express, the first mail service in the United States, from St. Joseph, Missouri, to San Francisco, Calif., passed north of what is now Rock Springs. Between Fort Laramie and Fort Bridger was a long stretch of dry country and these were the stopping places for the Pony Express.

As the story goes, one rider, in order to avoid a band of Indians, made a wide detour and accidentally came upon a spring coming from a rock. This became known as Rock Springs and it later became a regular stopping place for the Pony Express riders.

The spring is situated at what is now known as No. 6. But because of the subsequent development of the mines, the water has been diverted, and the spring has dried up. On the rock several names of early day travelers are still readable.

ROCK SPRINGS is a modern, progressive city, situated in southwestern Wyoming and is located on three transcontinental highways. It has an estimated population of 9,000 with many more living in the nearby coal camps. It is the home of "The Famous Rock Springs Coal" and in addition is the center of a livestock industry.

The North and South Baxter Basin and Hiawatha Dome gas fields are near Rock Springs and form one of the most widespread gas fields in western United States.

Rock Springs can look forward to the future with optimism because of the extent of its coal beds and the fine prospects of the gas and oil industry.

Rock Springs has a population of almost 9,000 and its annual income from its two main industries, approximate nine million dollars. This is something that few other cities its size can boast of.

As a trading point, Rock Springs in its size, exceeds any other Intermountain city. It draws trade for 50 miles west, 100 miles south, 150 miles north and 50 miles east.

Rock Springs is the most important coal mining district west of the Mississippi River.

Rock Springs has two very lovely parks. Bunning Park, named after the late P. C. Bunning, one time mayor of this city, is beautiful. Not many years ago it was an old ugly creek bed, but today its loveliness is admired by all. George Washington Memorial Park is smaller than Bunning Park, but is equally as attractive.

Rock Springs has three very fine banks, which in financial strength are comparable to the "Rock of Gibraltar."

Financial Interests of Rock Springs

The financial interests of the community are well taken care of by the banking institutions of Rock Springs as their deposits amount to \$5,718,000.00, with one national bank and two state banks.

Assets of \$6,588,000.00 are used largely to assist in carrying on the livestock business. The coal mining and livestock and natural gas interests are the largest and bring a great deal of money to Rock Springs.



Street Scene of City of Rock Springs

—Courtesy U. P. Magazine.

Rock Springs - Center of Scenic West

Strategically located in southwestern Wyoming, Rock Springs is the most convenient point from which the tourist and sportsman may reach the best fishing and hunting and enjoy the most beautiful scenery.

Highway 187 leads north along the western slope of the Wind River mountains directly into the finest fishing and hunting found anywhere in the Rocky Mountain region. Here just to the east of the highway are scores of lakes well stocked with trout. Numerous streams are formed from these lakes which drain into the Green River. Many of these are readily reached by auto or saddle horses.

The best big game hunting in the entire country lies along either side of Highway 187, as one goes north on his way to Yellowstone Park. Elk, moose, deer, antelope, mountain sheep and bear are readily found. Hunting lodges with comfortable equipment and skilled guides are available at many points.

Rock Springs merchants carry full stocks of hunting, fishing and camping equipment and are able to assist the tourist in selecting the right articles for his needs.

On the way north along this beautiful highway, the scenery is unrivaled in the whole Rocky Mountain region. The towering peaks of the Wind River mountains, a part of the Continental Divide forms the headwaters of Green River, and Green River Lake.

The traveler passes down the entire length of the famous Hoback Canyon, where the scenery in panoramic beauty unfolds before him, until the Hoback joins the clear waters of the mighty Snake. Here the road follows up the Snake through the famous town of Jackson and on through the entire length of the "Hole," around beautiful Jackson Lake. The mighty Tetons form the western wall of the "Hole," while the Continental Divide rises along the entire eastern side. No other highway offers such a fitting introduction to Yellowstone as does Highway 187.

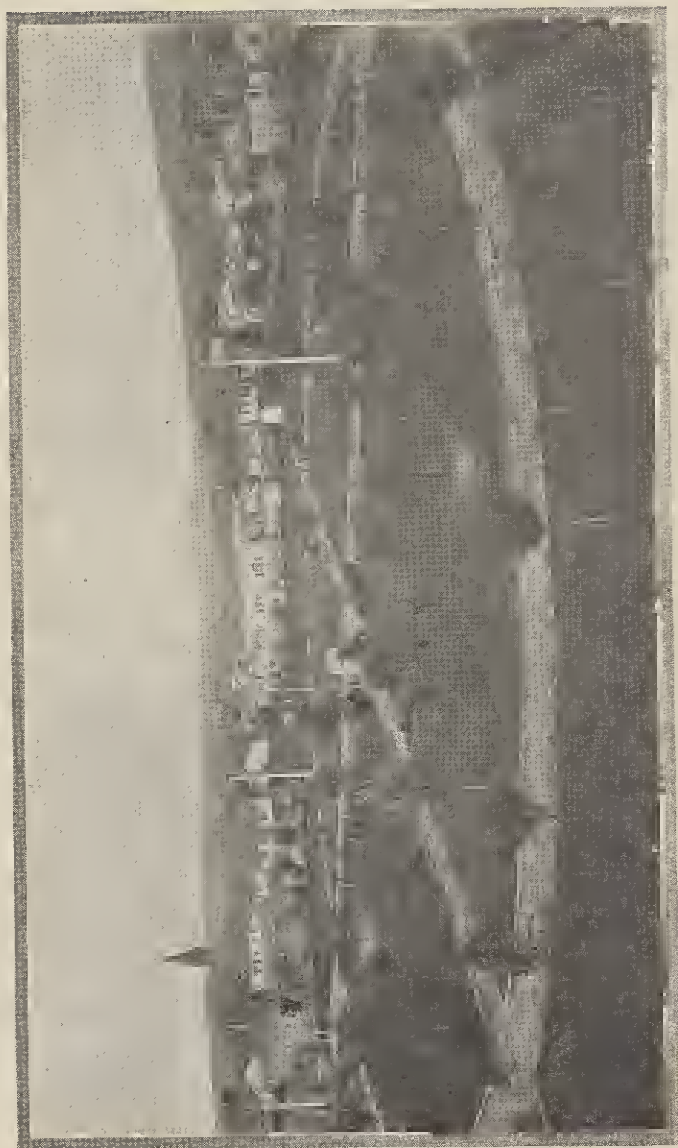
Rock Springs Municipal Airport

The Municipal Airport at Rock Springs, with the fine equipment maintained by United Air Lines for the servicing of its own and visiting airplanes, has the largest area of any field on the middle transcontinental airway between New York and San Francisco. Since the inception of the various government relief works programs, almost \$100,000 has been expended on improvements, so that now runways are in service in the direction of all prevailing winds of the vicinity.

In addition to the ground-to-plane radio of the air lines, the field also has the advantage of an airways weather station of the department of agriculture, together with a weather broadcasting station of the U. S. department of commerce.

Rock Springs is the direct air entry to the great vacation land spreading northward to Pinedale, the famous Jackson's Hole and its Grand Teton National Park, and the Yellowstone National Park. Convenient schedules from all airports east and west allow arrival at this point on the luxurious airliners of the United Air Lines at various times during the day. Although only one trip each day has a scheduled stop at Rock Springs, all planes will stop to discharge or receive passengers.

Private fliers over the route will find at Rock Springs all services found at the ports of the larger cities of the country. The field is located four miles north of the city, on the Hoback Canyon route to the Yellowstone National Park, marked on the official maps as U. S. Highway No. 187.



Bunning Park, City of Rock Springs

—Courtesy U. P. Magazine.

The History of Public Schools in Rock Springs

A brief outline of history of the school system of Rock Springs; buildings, play grounds and other improvements since its conception in 1877

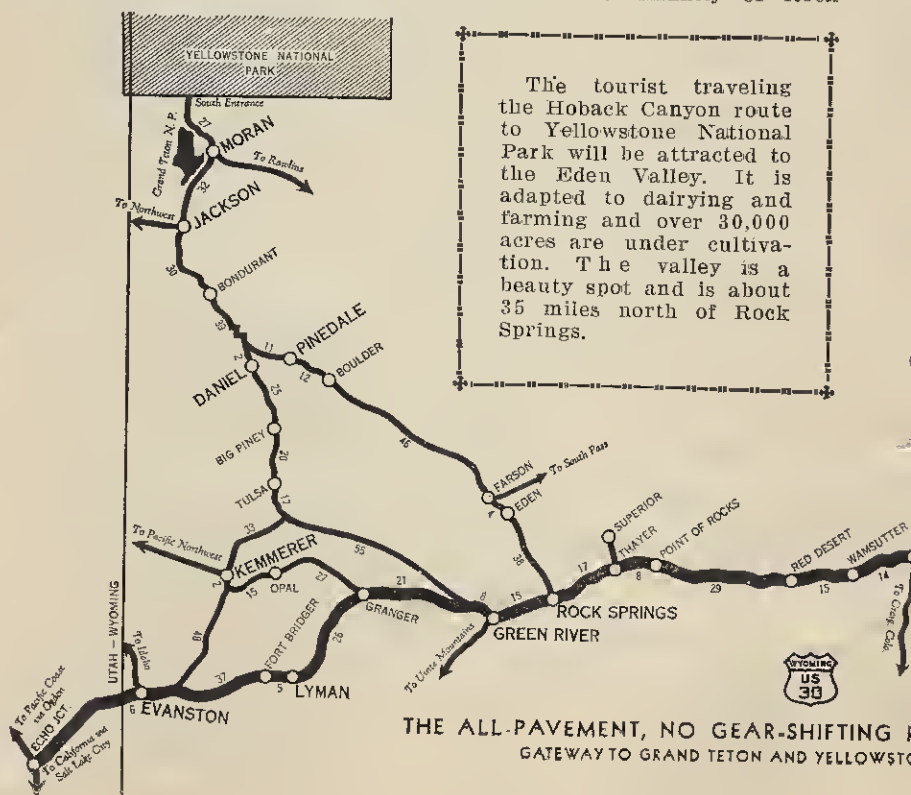


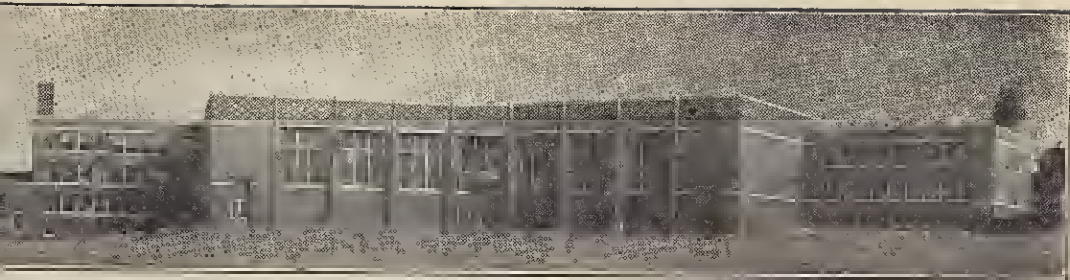
Four modern elementary schools, three built since 1922; one modern Junior High school, built in 1915; one Senior High school, completed in 1932, comprise the school buildings for District No. 4.

The first public school was built on the site of the present Junior High School about 1877. There were two teachers and about 90 pupils. Enrollment in 1935 was 2,250, of which over 650 were in the high school. Number of teachers in 1935 was 74.

Professional requirements for teachers are the very highest required by the State Department of Education. All teachers in the elementary schools must have two years professional training above high school and must hold an Elementary Certificate. Teachers in the Junior High school are required to have at least three years of training above high school. All but one of the present Junior High school teachers have degrees. In Senior High school all teachers have degrees. Several have Master's degrees.

The public schools of Rock Springs plan to meet the educational needs of the pupils of Rock Springs to fit them for their life in the community of Rock





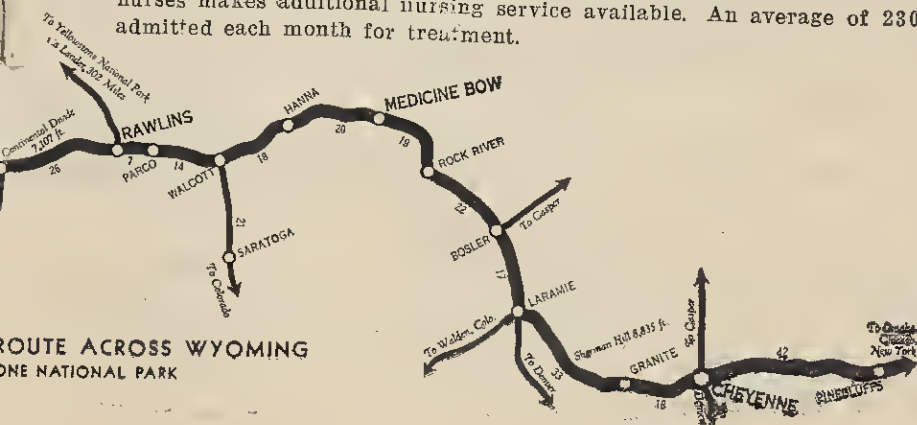
Springs. Special classes are offered for the retarded. Homogeneous grouping is used from grades one to ten. The semi-Platoon or departmental plan is used in the grade schools. Music, art and health are taught in these grades.

For years the Senior High school has offered outstanding courses in vocational subjects. These are commercial courses, including typing, shorthand and bookkeeping; shop courses, including electricity, machine shop, metal lathe, sheet metal, drafting and wood working. The teachers of vocational subjects are highly trained and are specialists. Each academic department is headed by an outstanding teacher who is unusually prepared for the work in his department. Requirements for graduation in high school are those set forth by the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges. Pupils who wish to prepare for college may take the courses that are necessary for college entrance. Those not planning to enter college may take courses that will better fit their particular needs and capacities.

The new high school building is regarded by authorities on school buildings as an outstanding example of a modern school, in design, economy of space, arrangement, completeness and utility. On the ten acres of ground have been built an unusual athletic plant, including a large stadium, football field, quarter mile track, tennis courts and softball field. This athletic plant is used by the adults of the community as well as by school children. During a large part of the year it is a great community center. The grounds in the front have been landscaped. Grass, trees and shrubs have been planted. This school plant is a complete unit with no superior in the state.

The Wyoming General Hospital

The only general hospital serving the public within a radius of one hundred miles. A staff of 14 physicians and surgeons. Approved by American College of Surgeons. Twenty-one graduate nurses regularly employed. An official registry for nurses makes additional nursing service available. An average of 230 patients are admitted each month for treatment.



The Coal Industry and Rock Springs

During the year 1935, Bituminous coal mines in the United States produced 367,200,000 tons of coal. Of this amount, the State of Wyoming mined 5,165,288 tons, this County (Sweetwater) contributed to the state output 3,259,593 tons (63 per cent of the state's tonnage), an increase of 19.6 per cent over the previous year.

In Rock Springs and territory closely contiguous thereto are located several large producers whose coal is disposed of to the commercial trade from Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri on the East, to Oregon, Washington and California on the Pacific slope. A portion of their tonnage also is sold to the railroad.

The largest operating coal company, west of the Mississippi River, is The Union Pacific Coal Company, whose headquarters are in this city. Its production (2,887,731 tons) is used on various lines comprising the Union Pacific Railroad.

The last year tonnage of the commercial companies above mentioned is shown below:

Central Coal & Coke Co.	130,888
Gunn-Quealy Coal Co.	181,319
Lion Coal Co.	173,096
Megeath Coal Co.	59,250
Colony Coal Co.	149,562
Rock Springs Fuel Co.	110,743

The earliest coal extracted in this field was in 1868 and competent authorities state there is still sufficient coal underlying government, railroad and privately owned lands to insure the carrying on of this industry for over one hundred years.

While each district boasts of its own mercantile establishments, local "movie houses," community club centers, etc., Rock Springs is looked upon as the logical trading headquarters of the territory surrounding.

1935 COAL FIGURES

Seventeen counties in Wyoming produce coal.

Ninety-two mines are in operation.

There are 4088 mine employes, 3300 inside and 788 on surface.

Tons of coal undercut by machinery, 4,710,262.

Increase over 1934 over 18 per cent.

Average days mines operated, 184; average days Railroad mines operated, 208.

The local freight office of the Union Pacific Railroad Company handles annually 2,500,000 pounds wool, is the largest wool loading station in the United States.

An average of 350 carloads cattle, 250 carloads sheep are billed from this station annually. Handles on an average 200 carloads per day.

Oil and Gas

Rock Springs is located on the West flank of the Rock Springs anti-cline on which are located the Baxter Basin gas fields, and 62 miles Northwest of the Hiawatha Dome, part of which is in Sweetwater County, Wyoming, and the South half in Moffatt County, Colorado. Those two fields supply the natural gas for Rock Springs, Green River, and Evanston, as well as the Salt Lake City area. The fields are operated by the Mountain Fuel Supply Company, and at the present time they have 22 gas wells producing in North and South Baxter, and 12 wells at Hiawatha. The pipe line from the two fields to Salt Lake City distributes in the neighborhood

of eight billion cubic feet annually, and additional wells are drilled each year to keep up the required supply.

The records of the Geological Survey show that sufficient reserve is available for a great many years to come.

In addition to the Baxter Basin and Hiawatha structures, Clay Basin, located about 62 miles Southwest of Rock Springs and in Daggett County, Utah, has been proved productive for gas in the Frontier and Dakota sands; also Powder Wash structure 15 miles Southwest of Hiawatha has one producing well in the Wasatch formation. These two structures have not been connected with the pipe line but are being held in reserve for future use.

During the year 1936 five or six additional wells will be drilled in Baxter Basin, Powder Wash and Clay Basin.

In addition to the gas discoveries, a small discovery of oil has been made on Hiawatha in the Wasatch formation, but it is not sufficient to warrant a pipe line to the railroad.

No prospecting has been done to a depth greater than the Sundance Sands in Baxter Basin, and now that a great many of the major companies in the State of Wyoming are seeking the lower formations where black oil is found, there is no reason but that some day deeper wells will be drilled in this area, but the prospects for oil may be, of course, nothing but what the drilling can tell.

Surrounding Communities ❖ Ranch and Farm

A fact often overlooked is that Rock Springs is the center of a very large livestock and ranching industry.

On the grazing lands to the east and south, sheepmen run their sheep, estimated at 400,000 in number. Most of these are of the cross breed type with a marino base.

North of Rock Springs for a distance of 75 to 100 miles is the finest cattle range in the West. During the winter, cattle graze on the rolling plains, while in the summer they are taken onto the forest reserves in the mountains where they thrive on the good grass and clear mountain water.

The country surrounding Rock Springs is not used extensively for farming or ranching, but wherever there is a spring or stream, a ranch used as headquarters for some sheep or cattle outfit will be found. Here, in preparation for the winter, some small grain and alfalfa hay are grown for feed. Farming, however, is secondary to stock raising.

The communities, Green River, Superior, Reliance, Winton, Dines, Quealy, and Blairtown are in the vicinity of Rock Springs. Located in Green River, the Sweetwater County Seat, are important offices and shops of the Union Pacific Railroad. As Rock Springs, Green River is an important shipping point for stock and coal. In Superior, Reliance, Winton, Dines, Quealy, and Blairtown, commercial and railroad coal is produced. The Union Pacific Coal Company is a large operator in Superior, Reliance, and Winton, and the coal taken from these mines is used for the engines of the Union Pacific Railroad. Dines is one of the mining camps of the Colony Coal Company, Central Coal and Coke operates in Quealy, and the Wyoming Coal Company in Blairtown. Coal in these places is mined for commercial purposes only.

Following is the population of these places:

Green River	3050	Winton	750
Rock Springs	9000	Dines	200
Superior	2700	Quealy	350
Reliance	900		

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